



House Bill No. 6541

Public Act No. 09-137

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE POLICE OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 7-313a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

The authorities having the supervision of the fire department of any town, city, borough or district may appoint such number of fire department members or other persons, within available appropriations, as they deem necessary to be fire police officers of such municipality or district, who shall have the powers and perform the duties in such municipality or district as designated and authorized by the fire chief of such municipality or district, and such fire police officers may exercise such powers and duties in any [adjoining] other municipality or district while on duty with the fire department or with a cooperating fire department, where the department is engaged in mutual assistance. Such powers and duties shall include traffic control and regulation and may be exercised by such fire police during any fire drill or fire call or at any other time when such fire police are serving with the fire department, with any other fire department in [an adjoining] another municipality or district or with any fire department rendering mutual assistance. Each such fire police officer while in the performance of fire police duties shall wear the badge of office in plain

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view of any observer. Each such fire police officer, while directing traffic in performance of the duties of fire police, [(1)] shall (1) wear (A) a [white] helmet with the words "Fire Police" in red letters on the front thereof, any other headgear that meets national, state and local traffic safety standards or a regulation fire-police dress uniform cap, and [after dark or in inclement weather,] (B) a traffic safety vest, orange or lime green raincoat or any reflectorized orange or lime green outer clothing, that meets national, state and local traffic safety standards, (2) carry a flashlight, which shall have a red or orange wand and be capable of projecting a clear light for the purpose of illumination at nighttime, and (3) utilize hand-held or portable traffic control devices appropriate for the time of day, weather and traffic flow. Such helmet, cap, vest, raincoat or outer clothing, badge, traffic control equipment and flashlight may be supplied by the appointing municipality or district.

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